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**EXPRESS REQUEST TO BEGIN NATIONAL EXAMINATION PROCEDURES**

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Dear Sir:

This is an express request to begin national examination procedures under 35 U.S.C. § 371(f). As required by 35 U.S.C. § 371(c), this submission includes a copy of the International Application as filed, unless a copy of the International Application has already been communicated by the International Bureau; an English language translation of the International Application as filed; an oath or declaration of the inventor(s); and the national fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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